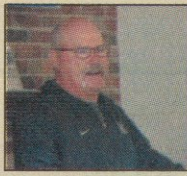


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Following utility billing issues for September bills

Elba Water and Electric board passes motion to waive fees this month only

by Linda Hodge, Editor

The Elba Water and Electric Board met Monday night, Sept. 14, in a special meeting during which the board voted to implement a policy regulating when utility meters would be read each month.

Elba Water and Electric Chairman Tim Johnson said there had been a "billing fiasco" with utility bills for the month of September. He said there had been a sewer billing issue for some customers that had since been corrected, but he said there also had been an issue with larger overall utility bills for the month that caused many citizens to be upset and take to Facebook with their complaints.

Johnson said he had looked at the past three months of bills and the billing cycle for those utility bills. He said one month had meters being read at 33

days, the next month showed a 26-day billing cycle, and the current bills due in September were for a 32-33-day billing cycle.

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"I've read the explanation behind this [the time difference in each billing cycle], and I am sorry, but someone should be following up on this more closely," Elba Water and Electric chairman Tim Johnson said. "It is not fair on the people of Elba to pay almost 4 weeks one month and then have five weeks on the next bill."

"I think it's pure compassion to the people that they get equal billing throughout the year," he said. "This should have been followed up on more closely already. When I asked why this was happening, the answer I got was it is what it is, and that is not acceptable."

Board member Jane Brunson asked who was responsible for deciding when employees would read the utility meters each month, and Johnson said it was his understanding it comes from the assistant city clerk's office.

Johnson said he felt like there should be a policy in place with a target of 30 or 31 days on each billing cycle with it not to vary by more than two days, when needed.

Brunson made a motion that barring any unforeseen circumstances meters of utility customers for the Elba Water and Electric System be read on either the 14th, 15th, or 16th of each month. The motion was seconded by board member Barry Giles. Then he offered an amendment to the original motion that any deviation from the policy has to be approved by the chairman or vice chairman of the board. The amendment was seconded by board member A R Williams, and it passed by unanimous vote.

The original motion, as amended also passed by unanimous vote.

The board then discussed

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Coffee County Commission approves \$28.8 million budget that includes a 2.5% cost-of-living raise for all employees

by Linda Hodge, Editor

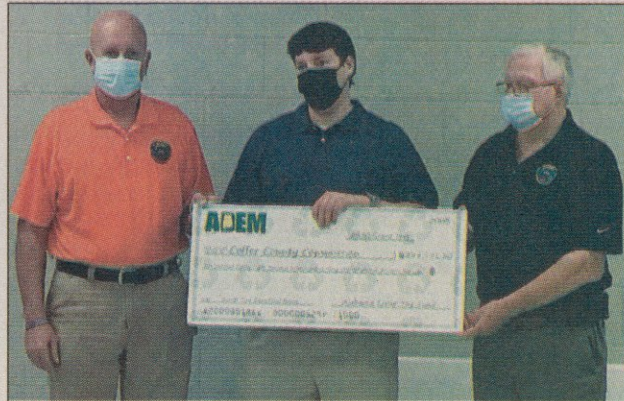
The Coffee County Commission approved a cost-of-living raise for employees Monday, Sept. 14, through the passage of the Fiscal Year 2021 budget.

County engineer presented the proposed budget for approval during Monday's meeting, and he said the \$28, 895,431.89 budget did include a 2.5 percent COLA [Cost of Living Adjustment] for all employees. Also, Morgan said there had been a 5.5 percent increase in cost for the local government health insurance plan for the fiscal year, and the county would be absorbing those additional costs in the budget to help employees.

"While this budget appears significantly larger compared to last year's budget, that is mostly due to several capital expenditures included in this budget," Morgan said. "If you take those capital expenditures out, the budget would actually be 2.5 percent less than the current fiscal year budget."

The general fund budget for Fiscal Year 2021 was proposed at \$9,583,071.20, a drop of 3.26 percent compared to FY2020. The largest increases in this FY2021 proposed budget came to the landfill and solid waste departments, where Morgan said the main capital expenditure increases are anticipated. He said there would be a need to purchase garbage trucks for the solid waste department, and the landfill budget included some new equipment purchases along with the start of construction of a new cell at the landfill.

On Morgan's recommendation, commissioners



The Coffee County Commission received a check for \$288,792.30 from ADEM during Monday's meeting from the Alabama Scrap Tire Fund for scrap tire beneficial reuse. The county plans to use the funds for a resurfacing test project where scrap tire product will be used. Accepting the check from Adam Rhodes (center) were commissioners Kim Ellis (left) and Dean Smith (right).

voted unanimously to approve the Fiscal Year 2021 budget.

Shortly after the budget was approved, environmental services director Mike Thornton brought one of the capital expenditure items included in the new budget up for approval. He asked commissioners for permission to order and purchase four new garbage trucks for the county's solid waste department. The cost of the purchase is expected to be just over \$1 million dollars.

Commissioners voted to approve Thornton's request.

In a retroactive matter, commissioner voted Monday to approve Enterprise Rescue Inc. as the new emergency services provider for the unincorporated areas of the county as of September 1, 2020. The county administrator said this company had taken over the EMS service operations earlier in the month in lieu of Haynes Ambulance, a decision approved by the county's EMS Board.

Also recommended by administrator Morgan, commissioners voted to enter

into a new contract with Southern Health Partners to be the new healthcare provider for the Coffee County Jail. This new contract becomes effective on Oct. 1, 2020.

The county will purchase two new x-ray machines for the courthouses - one will be installed at the court-

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Area Happenings

HIGH SCHOOL FOOTBALL SEASON CONTINUES this Friday, Sept. 18, with the Elba Tigers traveling to Cottonwood, The New Brockton Gamecocks traveling to Wicksburg, the Kinston Bulldogs traveling to Georgiana, the Zion Chapel Rebels hosting Houston County, and the Brantley Bulldogs hosting Pleasant Home. Kickoff is 7 p.m. for these games.

THE ELBA MAYORAL FORUM, sponsored by The Elba Clipper and Elba Chamber of Commerce, will be held Thursday, Sept. 24, at 6:30 p.m. in the parking lot of Elba City Hall. The two mayoral candidates in the Oct. 6th runoff election - Tim Johnson and Tom Maddox - will both participate in the forum. Those attending in person are asked to social distance. The forum also will be carried live on The Elba Clipper facebook page and the Elba, Alabama Chamber of Commerce facebook page.



PREPARING FOR HURRICANE SALLY...City of Elba employees were busy preparing sand bags for citizens Tuesday morning, Sept. 15, as the area hunkered down for the impacts of Hurricane Sally. The hurricane was projected to dump large amounts of rain on the local area after making landfall and moving north. Flash flooding and flooding of low-lying areas in Elba could be a possibility, according to local officials.

City of Elba employees to receive one-time 'heroes pay' following approval by council

by Linda Hodge, Editor

The Elba City Council approved a motion Monday night, Sept. 14, during its regular bi-monthly meeting to compensate city employees that worked full-time during the COVID-19 shutdown earlier this year.

After receiving a letter from Police Chief Leslie Hussey asking the city to consider compensating employees from his department that worked full-time during the COVID-19 quarantine shutdown earlier this year, a committee was formed to take the request under advisement. Mayor Mickey Murdock said the committee consisted of himself as mayor, Jane Brunson as mayor pro tem, Tim Johnson as chairman of the water and electric board, and Pat Boothe, assistant city clerk.

Murdock said the conclusion of discussions held by the committee was to pay city employees that worked full-time during the shutdown [most city employees worked split shifts during the stay-at-home quarantine time] a total of 18 days at 8 hours per day based on the individual employee's regular pay rate. Also, he said the committee recommended paying all city employees \$125 each for exposure pay.

Murdock said the payments would come as a one-time payment to the employees, and the monies to cover this cost would come from CARES Act funding awarded to the city. He said the estimated cost would be \$75,000, and the city would be able to cover that entire amount with CARES Act monies.

"We are appreciative of

all the employees did during the shutdown time," Murdock said. "We think they should be rewarded, and this is a good way to cover it."

Council member Tom Maddox made a motion to pay the employees the "Heroes Pay" as recommended. The motion was seconded by council member Johnathan Lockett.

The motion passed by a unanimous vote.

The council approved a resolution naming the poll workers for the Oct. 6th Municipal Runoff Election for mayor in Elba. The election officials [poll workers] for that day will be: Cabert Mills, inspector; Velma Moore and Elaine Bullar, registration clerks; Mac Moore and John Robert Smith, ballot clerks; Linda Smith, poll list clerk; and Peggy Stroud and Wayne Sutley, assistants.

The resolution noted that the city clerk may amend the list as needed due to unforeseen circumstances.

The council voted to enter into an agreement for engineering services with Southern Engineering Solutions Inc. for engineering services and consultation performed relative to the preparation of plans and specifications for the Simmons Street Drainage Re-

NOTICE:

Elba Police Chief Leslie Hussey reported Monday night to the Elba City Council that Elba currently had three active cases of COVID-19 out of 62 total active cases in Coffee County.

Breaking the 62 cases down even further, Hussey said 42 were in Enterprise, two in New Brockton and 15 in the county.

He said none of the numbers reflect children that had been diagnosed with the virus as all numbers only pertain to those age 18 and above.

placement project. The cost for these services, as explained in the agreement, includes \$9,000 for engineering services and \$6,000 for general resident engineering observation services for a total of \$15,000 to be paid in monthly installments as work progresses.

Upon request by the new owner of Monterrey's Café Grille LLC, council members voted to consider approving an alcohol sales license for the restaurant. The physical location of this restaurant is 522 Claxton

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County BOE approves FY2021 budget

by Linda Hodge, Editor

The Coffee County Board of Education approved the Fiscal Year 2021 budget during a special meeting held Thursday, Sept. 10, at 12 noon.

Chief Financial Officer Shannon Odom presented the proposed budget during two public hearings prior to approval by the board. She noted the FY2021 budget with go into effect with a beginning balance of \$7,772,075.60.

Expected revenue for the fiscal year, including federal, state, and local funding plus other financing sources, is anticipated to be \$34,561,767.75 with total expenditures for the year estimated at \$34,210,192.07.

Odom said that would leave an ending balance on Sept. 30, 2021 of \$8,123,651.28.

The board approved the Fiscal Year 2021 budget with no opposition.

Also during the meeting, the board approved the 5-year capital plan for the

school system. This is a document listing capital improvement projects that must be submitted annually to the state. It is often referred to as a "wish list" because it lists desired projects over an extended amount of time, and the document is a working document which means priorities can be shifted if needed.

Superintendent Kevin Killingsworth reported to board members that the school system is operating with approximately 85% of students on campus for traditional learning. As of Sept. 4th, he said 2,211 system-wide students are traditional while 323 students are virtual.

"I appreciate the efforts of all our employees so far this school year," the superintendent said. "Our folks are doing a phenomenal job of doing what they need to do to keep everyone safe."

Those remarks come off of a positive weekly COVID-19 report from the

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EDITORIAL

BRAINSTORMS

With Ferrin Cox

"In three words I can sum up everything I've learned about life: it goes on." — Robert Frost

We owe our deepest gratitude to the Enterprise Rescue Inc. folks for their prompt response last Wednesday morning when we had a medical emergency with dear wife Heddy. To them and all those who have shown concern, we can only say, "Thank You until we can better pay." Gratefully she is home and in our eyes is slowly rebounding.

Oh, and another tidbit. We have not been on the cell phone circuit for months, since our iPhone shattered when dropped and a fuss with our service provider about 'must finance - can't pay cash for new phone' and must sign new two-year contract. After a few weeks of withdrawal pains, we began to enjoy not being tied to that 'thing'. That is until Wednesday when constant contact with our children was vital. When daughter Michele walked into the hospital she announced, "You are getting another cell phone, don't argue with me, and I am going after it right now!" That tone of voice was not a request - it was a fact of life. We didn't say a word, just reached in the pocket and handed her a credit card. End of story, except service is with a different provider . . . and no two-year contract.

We are an avid supporter of dedicated law enforcement officers who do their job correctly. However, we can quickly condemn those who themselves violate the law. From reading repeated news reports from the Los Angeles, California area, it is our opinion they have a big problem in their sheriff's department. There are repeated reports of shooting black individuals unnecessarily, abusing and illegally arresting (roughly) other individuals and members of the news media reporting on demonstrations, etc. A quote in the LA Times this week indicated that the sheriff's office rarely responds to an official government committee appointed to investigate abuse by law enforcement. Any group or individual - at any level - that continuously acts as if they are themselves above the law is dangerous. That mindset may be incurable with this group of law officers and it may take a complete disbandment, from top to bottom and reestablishment by a group that knows and respects the law enough to avoid these open and repeated abuses of their enforcement authority responsibilities. There are qualified law enforcement officers out there, trying to do a job they can be proud to tell their children and grandchildren of the good deeds they performed and lives they saved, and of course, the bad guys they got off the streets.

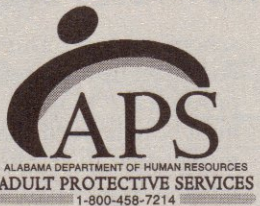
More grumbling . . . the U. S. Post Office has admitted to slowing service! Ha, nothing new there. We have subscribers within a hundred miles of here that SOMETIMES get their paper within a week. Other times it takes longer. All our complaints fall of deaf ears (or blaming someone else in another post office). They apparently do have money problems, but we could probably solve that issue. Since First Class Mail has largely moved to the internet, the post office has become a package delivery company for Amazon, UPS and FedEx, etc. We see them backing up to the back ramps daily. Then look at the local carriers with their vehicles stacked full of packages from these folks. Each of the above companies is making record amounts of money these days, but of course the post office is delivering tons of stuff that others got paid to deliver. Of course we are sure they pay a token amount to the post office, but if the PO is losing money, charge them more. They know how to go up on rates . . . look at your first-class letters. At our office, we can also look at the continuing cost increases for mailing you a newspaper - late.

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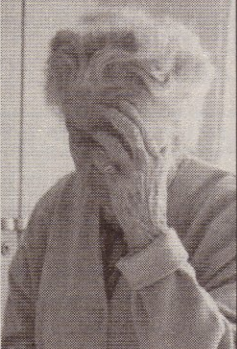
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house building in Elba and a second will replace an older model at the courthouse building in Enterprise. This purchase was approved unanimously by commissioners.

Requested by county engineer Marty Lentz, a single axle dump truck was approved for purchase from the state surplus lot in the amount of \$40,000. Lentz said the highway department had in its budget approval for a new dump truck, but the one found on the state surplus lot would be equivalent to the needs for the county and would save money.

The truck being purchased is a 2014 model with 86,000 miles, according to Lentz.

County EMA director James Brown reported that all eyes were on Tropical Storm Sally [this storm was upgraded to a hurricane later in the day Monday]. He said it actually is a busy time for storms with five active storms in waters Monday. He said not all were expected to be concerns, but a couple were with Sally being the first expected to impact the local area.

As of Monday morning,

Brown said it was anticipated the local area would receive lots of rain from [Hurricane] Sally. Also, he said there could be some winds and tornado threats, but at that time it was too early to know for sure the exact impacts.

Brown also provided the latest update on COVID-19 for the county.

"COVID hasn't gone away," Brown said. "Our numbers have gone down pretty good, and I attribute that to us wearing masks."

He said there had been 97 new cases for the county over the past 14 days [as of Monday morning], and Coffee County was listed as a moderate risk area for the virus, per the Alabama Department of Public Health.

Brown said the local ICU's remain pretty full and with flu season approaching there is reason to worry on that front. He asked that all citizens consider getting a flu shot this year to try and combat that illness more this year.

The next Coffee County Commission meeting will be Monday, Sept. 28, at 9 a.m., in the community room of the county complex in New Brockton.

Elba Police Report

The Elba Police Department, between Tuesday, Sept. 8, and Monday, Sept. 14, 2020, conducted the following activity:

TUESDAY, SEPT. 8 – Suspicious vehicle reported at 312 Claxton Ave N (1:29 a.m.); Animal complaint at 861 Cedar Lane Dr (11:13 a.m.); Suspicious person reported on Yelverton Ave (12:31 p.m.); Animal bites reported at 745 Williams Ave S (12:39 p.m.); Traffic accident reported at Gene's Auto at 1770 Hickman Ave (5:46 p.m.); Animal complaint at 1069 Sunset Blvd (8:44 p.m.).

WEDNESDAY, SEPT. 9 – Unruly juvenile reported at Elba High School (11:32 a.m.); Suspicious circumstances reported at 1799 Highland Dr (4:53 p.m.); Suspicious circumstances reported at 1035 Morrow Ave (10:27 p.m.); Suspicious vehicle reported at Tiger Town Apartments (11:36 p.m.). There was one traffic stop reported on this date with a warning issued.

THURSDAY, SEPT. 10 – Animal complaint at 1143 Martin Luther King Dr (8:50 a.m.); Animal bites reported at 839 Troy Hwy (10:32 a.m.); Traffic accident reported on Hwy 84 (11:54 a.m.); Shoplifter reported at the Dollar General store at 804 Hwy 203 (2:22 p.m.); Trespassing reported at Elba Villas on Caroline St (3:48 p.m.); Domestic complaint reported at 120 Old Samson Rd (4:29 p.m.); Domestic complaint reported at Elba Villas on Caroline St (6:17 p.m.).

FRIDAY, SEPT. 11 – Prowler reported in the area of Farris Ave (6:07 a.m.); Criminal mischief reported at Elba Villas on Caroline St (9:09 a.m.); Animal complaint reported on Forest Lake Dr (12:43 p.m.); Traffic accident reported on Davis St W (2:26 p.m.); Suspicious person reported at 442 County Rd 263 (6:35 p.m.); Domestic complaint reported at 401 Adkinson Ave (8:00 p.m.); Fight reported on Martin Luther King Dr (10:18 p.m.). There was one traffic stop reported on this date with a citation issued.

SATURDAY, SEPT. 12 – Disturbance reported at 1241 Farris Ave (12:26 a.m.); Domestic complaint reported at 667 Reynolds Ave (8:54 a.m.); Domestic complaint reported at the Elba Citgo store at 632 Claxton Ave N – an arrest was made (9:28 a.m.); Suspicious person reported at the Inland store at 221 Davis St E (10:22 a.m.); Receiving stolen property reported at 891 Old Samson Rd (10:57 a.m.); Suspicious circumstances reported at 878 Claxton Ave (11:44 a.m.); Traffic accident reported on the 203 Bypass (2:58 p.m.); Suspicious person reported at the Inland store at 221 Davis St E (5:09 p.m.); Criminal mischief reported at 1425 Martin Luther King Dr (5:46 p.m.); Trespassing reported at 612 Adams St (11:38 p.m.). There were two traffic stops reported on this date with both resulting in a citation issued.

SUNDAY, SEPT. 13 – Theft of property reported at 617 Kendrick St (2:04 p.m.); Theft of property reported at 904 Wayne St (2:31 p.m.); Criminal mischief reported at 595 Collier St (5:30 p.m.); Suspicious person reported at 631 Claxton Ave S (6:08 p.m.). There was one traffic stop reported on this date with a citation issued.

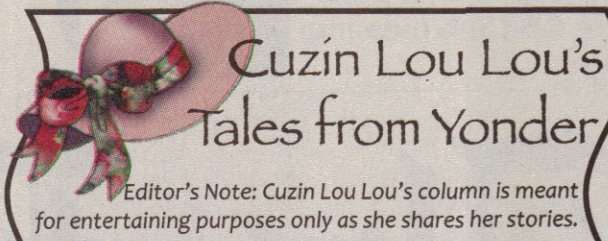
MONDAY, SEPT. 14 – Harassment reported at 1241 Farris Ave (12:08 a.m.); Suspicious person reported at 213 Taylor Ave (1:16 a.m.); Domestic complaint reported on Simmons St (12:50 p.m.); Domestic complaint reported at 1237 Jones Circle (3:01 p.m.); Burglary reported at Cook Chevrolet on the Troy Hwy (3:18 p.m.); Burglary reported at Hygienics Industries on Newton St (3:31 p.m.); Animal complaint reported at 21400 Hwy 189 (3:39 p.m.); Burglary reported at 715 Lee St (7:59 p.m.); Suspicious vehicle reported at 300 Champ McCollough Dr (11:11 a.m.). There were five traffic stops reported on this date with one warning issued, two verbal warnings issued, and no action taken on two.

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Editor's Note: Cuzin Lou Lou's column is meant for entertaining purposes only as she shares her stories.

It's 2020 and even Cuzin Lou Lou has conceded that 'anything goes' this year. That was certainly the thought crossing her mind one day last week as she was reading an article about a tiger spotted on the loose in Knox County, Tennessee.

"What in the name of Yonder?!?!?" Lou Lou questioned.

At first she was convinced the article would reveal a local zoo or animal preserve had reported a tiger missing, and it was just a matter of catching the feline [very carefully] and returning it to the proper habitat.

Well...NOPE. All the local zoos and a tiger preserve in the area all said their tigers were 'at home' and accounted for in the daily check.

Lou Lou had to share this one with Sister since they had been discussing a possible excursion towards the mountains of Tennessee in late November. After reading the article, Sister quite loudly with much assertion proclaimed there would be no trip to the mountains if a tiger was on the loose!

She said bears are the only creatures one should be worried about when in the mountains.

While Sister was still fretting over a possible runaway tiger ruining her pending trip for some good 'ole fashioned rest and relaxation, Lou Lou was still perplexed as to where this tiger came from in the first place...if it did not belong to a zoo or animal preserve, who in the world would have a tiger as a pet?????

Alabama AG warns against price gouging in advance of Hurricane Sally's landfall

Attorney General Steve Marshall announced that Alabama's price gouging law is in effect in advance of the arrival of Hurricane Sally this week.

Alabama's price gouging law comes into effect when the Governor declares a State of Emergency and it prohibits the 'unconscionable pricing' of items for sale or rent. Effective at 3:00 p.m., September 14, Governor Ivey declared a State of Emergency "based on the imminent threat of Tropical Storm Sally, which has now strengthened into Hurricane Sally, with the potential to make landfall in or near Mobile and Baldwin counties."

The eye of Hurricane Sally is expected to enter southeast Alabama by early Wednesday and hurricane warnings are in effect for Mobile and Baldwin counties.

"Alabamians should be on-guard to possible price gouging and home repair fraud during and after Hurricane Sally's passage through our state," said At-

orney General Marshall. Although what constitutes an unconscionable price is not specifically set forth in state law, a price that is 25 percent or more above the average price charged in the same area within the last 30 days—unless the increase can be attributed to a reasonable cost—is a prima facie case of unconscionable pricing. The penalty is a fine of up to \$1,000 per violation, and those determined to have willfully and continuously violated this law may be prohibited from doing business in Alabama.

Consumers and officials can report concerns of alleged fraud or illegal price gouging to the Attorney General's Consumer Interest Division by visiting the Attorney General's website to file a complaint at <https://www.alabamaag.gov/consumercomplaint>, or by calling toll-free 1-800-392-5658, or writing to Alabama Attorney General's Office, 501 Washington Avenue, Montgomery, Alabama, 36130.

Yep... you read that correctly!

The Tennessee Wildlife Resource Agency reported a full-size bobcat may have been the correct identification of the animal spotted by an off-duty deputy southeast of Knoxville, Tennessee. The wildlife officials said a tiger cub is the same size as a full-grown bobcat.

At least the advice for a bobcat is the same as a bear, if Sister and Cuzin Lou Lou do make that trip to the mountains in November, and come across said creature...

DO NOT APPROACH AND CALL 911!!

Until next time...God Bless and Keep Smiling! Cuzin Lou Lou also is offering prayers this week that Hurricane Sally will "Ride Sally Ride" right on past Yonder and not leave a path of destruction!

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Johnny Dyess speaks at Elba QB Club meeting

Elba alum and current assistant coach Johnny Dyess was the guest speaker Friday, Sept. 11, for the Elba Quarterback Club 'game day' lunch meeting.

Dyess said he learned several years ago that God works in mysterious ways. He said he never in his life dreamed of wanting to be a football coach, and the worst parts of his life have turned out to be when he was not involved with football.

Dyess has often shared his personal testimony, which involves being a recovering drug addict. During the time that he was deeply involved with drugs, probably a span of 8-9 years, he said he did not attend a single Elba or University of Alabama football game.

Dyess said anyone who know him knows his love for Elba and Alabama football runs very deep [he played football for both as a student].

Today, he acknowledges the reason he is on the staff at Elba City Schools and is an assistant football coach for the high school is because God intervened in his life.

A methamphetamine arrest led Dyess to a rehab facility in Opelika, Alabama, something he says now was one of the best things that ever could have happened to him.

Dyess said he is a testament that, "there is hope for people."

"It's an honor to be a coach at Elba High School," he said. "It's an honor because of the lives you get to touch."

Dyess said the first time he put on an Elba uniform



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was for a 1968 youth football team that was started that year. He said Elba had two teams that year, and the next year it increased to four teams.

Russell Cash and Doug Martin were the coaches of those first two Elba youth teams, Dyess said.

"Russell Cash and Doug Martin gave me something I needed in my life — football," he said. "Mr. Cash was my coach. I was in the third grade."

Dyess went on to play football throughout his school days at Elba and then in college at the University of Alabama. He shared several fond stories of having football in his life growing up and then getting back to it after his dark years of drug use.

Upon returning to Elba after rehab, Dyess said Gappa Wise and Kelly Shehee asked him to help them coach their youth football team that year. Afterwards, he said he was so in love with football

again that he went to then Elba High football coach Ed Rigby and asked if there was any way he could help the team.

A short time later, another door opened and Dyess said he found himself helping to coach the Tigers, a job he still cherishes today.

"God opened that door because He knew I needed football," Dyess said.

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waiving late fees and reconnect fees this month due to the issues with the utility bills. A motion to that effect was made by Giles with a second from board member Tom Maddox and passed unanimously.

Following suit with a motion passed earlier in the evening during the Elba City Council meeting, the water and electric board approved a motion to pay heroes pay to employees. This included one employee to receive 18-days pay [8 hours per day] at that employee's regular rate for working full time throughout the COVID split shift shutdown earlier this year. Also, the motion approved a one-time \$125 payment for each employee of the water and electric board.

Also, during Monday night's special meeting, the board approved a resolution that a contract for electric meters be awarded to ANIXTER, Inc in the amount of \$123,525 [base bid] as the low bidder on this replacement project.

Finally, the board approved purchasing a four-camera system to be installed as part of the security system for Elba City Hall. The motion said the board would fund up to \$3,500 for the cameras.

RICKY L. CATRETT

Mr. Ricky L. Catrett, age 65, died Thursday, September 10, 2020, at his home in Brantley, Ala.

A memorial service will be held at a later date. Hayes Funeral Home of Elba is assisting the Catrett Family.

Ricky attended Enterprise State Community College after graduating from Brantley High in 1973. He went on to work at Fort Rucker landing fields for many years, then worked as a truck driver later in life. Ricky had the utmost respect for veterans and their service for his country.

He was preceded in death by his parents, James P. Catrett and Remona Adams Catrett; his paternal grandparents, James T. Catrett and Odis Betterton Catrett; his maternal grandparents, J. C. Adams and Cassie Hall Adams; and his brother-in-law, Martin John Campbell.

Survivors include his only child: Niki Linton, and his grandson: Colton Patch, Samson, Ala.; his brother: Perry Catrett (wife Ashley Oglesby Catrett), Luverne, Ala.; his sister: Pamela Catrett Campbell, Brantley; four nieces: Hollie Worley Reed (Charles), Montgomery, Ala., Courtney Rebekah Nelson, Athens, Ga.; Cas-

sidy Catrett, and Cameron Catrett, both of Luverne; along with three grand-nephews: James Campbell Nelson, Charles Ludlow Nelson, and John Adams Reed.

MADLE ALPHA NELSON WEEKS

Ms. Madle Alpha (Nelson) Weeks, age 80, of Elba, Ala., died Friday, Sept. 11, 2020, in the Opp Health & Rehab.

A memorial service will be held at a future date to be announced. In accordance with her wishes, Madle's body was donated to the University of South Alabama College of Medicine in Mobile, Alabama.

A longtime resident of the Wiregrass, Madle spent the majority of her life in Covington and Coffee counties. Soon after graduating from Opp High School she began raising her family in the Elba/Opp area. Known to many of her granddaughters' friends as "the fun grandma," Madle aka "Mimi" spent countless hours playing with and entertaining her "little ones."

She was preceded in death by her parents, Esker and Jennie Belle Nelson, and brother, Curtis Nelson.

Survivors include her son: Douglas and wife Ida; granddaughters: Paige and Elizabeth.

MITTIE B. EDWARDS

Mrs. Mittie B. Edwards, age 90, died Sept. 2, 2020, at her home with family and friends.

She was born on April 17, 1930 to the late Callie W. Lawrence and Willia Lee Smith Lawrence.

Graveside services were held Sept. 7, 2020 at Bethlehem Missionary Baptist Church in Elba with Coleman Funeral Home directing.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Bishop Edwards, two sons, William (Jeanette) and Larry (Jewel), three daughters, Mittie Jewel, Carrie Annette, and Willie Merle.

Survivors include eight sons: James (Patsy Nell), Bishop, both of Rochester, NY, Robert, Johnny Calvin (Gracie Bell), Willie Joe, Charles, all of Opp, Joseph and Carlton, Georgiana, Ala.; three daughters: Susan (Missouri), Peggy and Julia (Gary), Opp; two grandchildren that she raised: Kiki and Chris; a stepson: Steven; 76 grandchildren; many great and great great grandchildren; along with a host of nieces, nephews and other relatives, and special friends.

Local DAV Meeting set for Sept. 24th

The September 2020 meeting for the DAV Wiregrass Chapter 99, located in New Brockton, Ala., will be held Thursday Sept. 24, at 6 p.m.

The meeting will take place in the New Brockton Senior Center. Those attending are asked to bring a food dish. There are still tickets for the fishing trip available.

For further information contact Charles Lobdell at 334-718-5707 or Mike Doran at 334-406-6700.

CCBOE

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school system [released each Wednesday]. On Wednesday, Sept. 9, Killingsworth reported the Coffee County School System had no new positive cases to report.

"Our total cases since the start of school on Aug. 10th remains at 12," he said. "I am still very apprehensive about cases increasing with the recent Labor Day holiday and the recent start of other non-school sponsored

Application can be completed online for Alabama's State Supplemental CFAP for agricultural stabilization

Alabama Governor Kay Ivey awarded \$26 million of CARES Act Funds to assist Alabama Agriculture impacted by COVID-19.

Funding will be used to establish the Alabama Agricultural Stabilization Program (AASP). No funds may be utilized for salaries, building projects, or capital improvements.

Commissioner Rick Pate said the State Supplemental CFAP for the Alabama Agriculture Stabilization Program (AASP) became available online Tuesday, Sept. 15, at 9 a.m. The application period ends Oct. 15th.

Applicants should visit crf.alabama.gov or agi.alabama.gov to apply.

All applications will be cross-referenced with USDA CFAP data provided by the Farm Service Agency before any applications are approved.

Applicant must meet the following criteria to be considered:

1. Must be an Alabama resident.
2. Will only be compensated for farming operations in the state of Alabama.
3. Must have been eligible for the USDA FSA Coronavirus Food Assistance Program (CFAP) during that program's application period of May 29th through September 11th, 2020.
4. This program will not provide any compensation for cattle or dairy production. Producers seeking compensation for cattle or dairy production must qualify for and apply for the State Cattle Producer Program.

extra-curricular activities." Killingsworth said the school system's employees continue to remain diligent in the battle against COVID-19 and will continue to do so.

"I want to remind visitors to our venues to practice social distancing and the use of facial coverings while attending our games as we support our teams, bands, cheerleaders, and coaches," the superintendent added.

5. ADAI will require each applicant to submit the following to qualify for eligibility:

- Copy of W-9 form
- Successful submission of this application and signed certification and assurances form
- Total USDA CFAP payment (excluding payments for cattle or dairy)
- The county or counties farmed in and the commodities farmed
- Bank account information for electronic payment
- Copy of a voided check or a memo from bank with account number and routing number.

While it is not required, applicant may submit his/her USDA CFAP application as supporting documentation. This may expedite the review process.

The exact percentage to be used for the state payment will be determined after all state supplemental CFAP applications have been received and USDA's CFAP data is finalized.

For questions regarding eligibility, call 334-240-7100 or email: aasp-questions@agi.alabama.gov



ELBA

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Avenue N, Elba.

New owner Gustavo R. Paz Rojo said he had recently purchased the Mexican restaurant from the previous owners and would need a new alcohol license to be able to serve those type beverages again at the restaurant. In approving a motion to consider the new license for Monterrey's, the council set a public hearing on the matter for the Oct. 12, 2020 council meeting. It is expected the council will make a decision on granting the license after the public hearing.

The council approved payment of the bills for August. The total amount of those bills was \$250,869.62.

Also during the meeting, council members approved a request made by The Elba

Clipper to allow the Sept. 24, 2020 Mayoral Forum, being hosted by the Clipper and Elba Chamber of Commerce, to be held in the parking lot of Elba City Hall. The event is set to begin at 6:30 p.m. and can be attended in person or viewed on Facebook.

The Elba City Council will conduct a workshop Monday, Sept. 21, at 5:30 p.m. to discuss the Fiscal Year 2021 budget. This was set following a motion approved to proceed with the budget discussions and approve the Fiscal Year 2021 budget by Sept. 30th.

The budget is expected to be on the agenda for approval during the Monday, Sept. 28th meeting, which begins at 5:30 p.m.



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Talking to Your Kids About National Tragedies
Our nation has come together, unified too often, in grief after tragic events such as in Odessa, El Paso, Dayton, Parkland, Orlando, Sandy Hook, Las Vegas and the list goes on. And while we as a country continue to mourn, many of us have children both young and old who may be asking difficult questions. Here are a few tips on how to talk to your kids after a national tragedy.
First, know that many schools often host grief counselors for their students after a national tragedy. This is a great first step for students to bring up their concerns, fears and thoughts after such events. If you have a counselor or therapist that already works with you and your family, encourage that as a safe and productive place for your children to work through any anxieties they may have after a tragic event.
Address your child's fears with patience. If they saw a story online or heard a news story, be patient and know that there are likely many questions your child may have. Don't be afraid to limit news coverage in the home for a little while: continuing to see the same story over and over again may be distressing to younger children. Older children and teens are often connected to the world via smartphones and social media: let them know if they see something that upsets them or worries them it is something that can be talked about openly.
Go over a safety plan with your children. Many kids from as young as elementary school have cell phones. Encourage them to call law enforcement if they feel something is wrong or if they are in danger. Ask your children to re-familiarize themselves with their schools lock-down procedures: knowing their exits and options can save lives.
In these trying times, know we stand with you and your family. For more grief support resources - feel free to stop by our funeral home - we are here for you.
If you would like a free funeral decisions guide, please email me at hayesfh@hayesfuneralhome.net
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CHURCH NEWS

Pastor's Corner

by Jake Wimberly, Student Pastor

Bethany Baptist Church, Andalusia, Ala.

My dad has been a faithful runner for more decades than I have been alive. He is one of those strange people - the ones who run for pleasure and not just to burn calories. When I was a teenager my dad won me over to the habit of running.

For a season of my life, I too understood why he loved it so much. It took time to develop a habit of it, and quite frankly, it was hard work. My dad had several bits of valuable advice for me. Perhaps what stuck with me the most was when he said, "Jake, you don't have to worry about running the whole course, all you have to do is take the next step."

There has been much talk about a cure, a vaccine, or an "antivirus" that will effectively stop the spread of COVID-19. I'm not a physician and I certainly can't speak into these realities. But, aside from medical ailment, there is pain. There is despair. There is loss. There is anxiety and worry. There is frustration and sheer exhaustion from these ongoing restrictions and conditions. But there is unwavering hope found in the promises of God.

Romans 8 is my favorite chapter of the Bible, and Romans 8:28 is my favorite verse. The verse reads, "And we know that for those who love God all things work together for good, for those who are called according to his purpose."

There are three truths that Romans 8:28 reveals that I believe may serve as a spiritual vaccine for this virus.

#1: Your love for God serves as a seal, assuring you that His promises are for you. God will work all things together for your good, provided that you love Him.

#2: There is no thing - no hurricane, no virus, no cancer - there is no thing that is out from under the hand of God. You do not have to fight for His attention. He sees you, He knows you, and He longs to work through every instance of your life.

#3: God defines good, and we do not. During this unsettling time, I believe we can find solace in the promise of Romans 8:28, but only if we trust that God is always good and His timing is perfect. There is no measure of evil that God does not long to redeem and utilize for good purposes. He has been in that business for a long time.

As we continue to wrestle through these difficult weeks, I hope you're encouraged to keep striving forward. Remember, you only have to take the next step. Cling to the promises of God, and keep moving your feet.

**** Next week's Pastor Corner will come from Rev. Donnie Marler, Woodland Grove Baptist Church. During the month of October, Rev. Dwight Johnson, Elba First Assembly of God Church will be the column's author.**

If you are a local pastor and interested in writing for our Pastor's Corner column in November or December, please contact Linda Hodge, editor, at (334) 897-2823 or email: clipperace@troycable.net.

Please let us share your church news here! Due on Mondays!

Email Linda Hodge at:

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Newbia Baptist Church plans "Old Timey Day" retreat Sept. 27th at The Vineyard

All are invited to join Newbia Baptist Church on Sunday, Sept. 27, at the Vineyard Christian Retreat for and "Old Timey Day".

The church will have its morning service in the chapel at 11 a.m. with lunch and fellowship at the pavilion following service. This year's theme is old timey day and most will be dressing the part, i.e. overalls, jeans, long dresses, hats and bonnets, etc. Of course, one does not have to dress for the occasion to participate. There will be horse shoes, corn hole, fishing, boating, swimming and many other activities during the after-

noon's fellowship time.

Since lunch is being catered, please RSVP via email [pastorwilljordan@gmail.com] to let the church know how many per family will be attending.

The Vineyard is located at 245 County Road 131, Arifton, AL 36311.

AA/NA meetings held in Elba

Encourage anyone who needs the meetings to attend. These meetings are held on Tuesdays and Fridays at 7 p.m. at Elba Church of Christ, 715 Troy Road, Elba.

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Sunday Morning Worship Schedule:

8:15 a.m. WEEVIL 101 - Bro. Lloyd's recorded message

10:00 a.m. Church Service - Praise & Worship & Pastor's Morning Message

Thursday Bible Study at 6:30 p.m.

For All Services at Mt. Vernon:

- Social Distancing Observed • Masks Required
- Plenty of Safe Seating Options Available
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- Drive-In radio services on 90.5 FM (in church yard and up to a 1-mile radius)
- Services will last no more than One Hour

Round and About with Eria's Daughter



Scripture: Joy in the Salvation of the Lord. [Psalm 21: 1-13]

Thinking of You! Praying for You.

Patrice Duncan, Bill S. Kelley, Wendy Wood, Rev. W.L. and Sister Ollie R. Peterson, Joe Rudolph, Michael Rowe, Christina Woods, Alice Musgrove, Shanika Pruitt and kids

August / September birthdays and anniversaries

Andy Hardwick 8/29
Lydia Bennett 8/29
Tony Ordon 8/29
Lance Cross 8/30
Joyce S. Jones 8/31
Samantha Siler 9/1
Wiley and Juanita Brooks 9/1 WA
Tracey Woods 9/2
Margaret Rowe 9/2
Winston T. Kelley Jr. 9/3
Joanne S. Warren 9/5 (in memory)
Georgia Germany 9/5
Derrick "DJ" Belcher 9/5

** Good, Good Father

A few years back, work transferred my husband to Nebraska. The family soon followed. We felt God's hand in all of it, despite having to uproot our lives. We—

two adults, two teenagers, a cat and a dog – were staying in a hotel room with two double beds and a kitchenette while we searched for a permanent home. But we were struggling to get credit approval.

When an apartment we had been hoping for turned us down, a feeling of worthlessness filled me. As I prayed through those despondent emotions, I remembered who God was. I remembered His clear desire to move our family. Suddenly, I was no longer worried about where we would live. I knew who my Father was.

The next Sunday, the call came that we had been approved for the only rental house available within our children's school district. Just like that, we had a home. I have a good, good Father in Heaven, one who knows how to give good gifts. Do you? -- P.M.

Question / Answer Section

Q/A for the Week of 9/10/20 – true or false

Q: Jesus healed the Centurion's son.

A: False [Luke 7: 3]

Q: Peter told his congregation to imitate God's joy.

A: True [1 Peter 1: 15, 16]

Q: Peter knew that he would die soon.

A: True [2 Peter 1: 13, 14]

Thought to Remember

Many books can inform, but only the Bible can transform

Questions for the Week of 9/17/20 – true or false

Q: God used a wealthy man to hide Elijah, from King Ahab.

Q: God considered destroying Israel and creating a new nation under Moses.

Today is a good day! Be grateful.

Eria's Daughter, Sue

Church News due on Mondays!



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Mt. Vernon Assembly of God Church
 will attend the retreat by participating in the livestream
 Friday, Sept. 18th at 7 p.m. at the church
 177 County Road 330, Elba, AL
 Drinks and Snacks to follow (We will try to be as safe as possible)

Church Directory

ABOUNDING GRACE COMMUNITY CHURCH Rocky Pearce, Pastor Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m. Even. Service... 5:00 p.m.		ELBA CHURCH OF CHRIST Phillip Box, Minister Bible Study... 9:00 a.m. Morn. Worship... 10:00 a.m. Even. Service... 5:00 p.m. Wed. Bible Study... 6:30 p.m.		ELBA CHURCH OF GOD David Noble, Pastor Morn. Worship... 10:45 a.m. Even. Worship... 5:00 p.m.		ELBA CHURCH OF GOD OF PROPHECY H.L. Buckner, Pastor Morn. Worship... 10:00 a.m. Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m. Sunday Night... 6:00 p.m. Thur. Night... 7:00 p.m.		ELBA CHURCH OF GOD OF PROPHECY H.L. Buckner, Pastor Morn. Worship... 10:00 a.m. Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m. Sunday Night... 6:00 p.m. Thur. Night... 7:00 p.m.		ELBA CHURCH OF GOD OF PROPHECY H.L. Buckner, Pastor Morn. Worship... 10:00 a.m. Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m. Sunday Night... 6:00 p.m. Thur. Night... 7:00 p.m.		ELBA CHURCH OF GOD OF PROPHECY H.L. Buckner, Pastor Morn. Worship... 10:00 a.m. Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m. Sunday Night... 6:00 p.m. Thur. 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The Landmark Dulcimer Club has a jam and practice session every first Saturday of the month at 1 p.m. You do not have to know how to read music! We prefer you bring your own Mountain Dulcimer, but there are a few practice dulcimers a person can borrow if they want to give it a try. Free with paid gate admission (\$4 for adults, \$3 for kids, free for park members). Show a Dulcimer instrument and get in for free. Club meets in the Interpretive Center.

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SPORTS NEWS

Views From
The Pressbox

By Ricky Mularz, Sports Editor

Not even a rainy Sunday afternoon could spoil the fun last weekend as our grandson Lawson and his friends and family helped celebrate his tenth birthday. I really believe that Lawson enjoyed being around his friends just as much as he did receiving presents, but he did enjoy opening the presents and even ate a little of his cake. Oh yea, he also got wet!

For what it is worth....

*** *The Elba Tigers made it look easy* on offense last week as they scored almost at will in a 38-7 region win over Zion Chapel. The Tigers scored three touchdowns on their first four plays from scrimmage and averaged over thirty yards per carry in the first half in rolling to a 38-0 halftime advantage, and then turned things over to the junior high players and reserves in the second half to mop up the easy win at home. The Tiger defense wasn't as impressive as their counterparts on the offensive side as Zion Chapel had success running the ball and at times seemed to dominate the line of scrimmage. A few big plays on defense kept the Rebels out of the endzone in the first half, but the defense wasn't nearly as dominant as the offense and still has a lot of work to do if the Tigers are to contend for a playoff berth.

*** *It was a good week for the teams in the area* as Kinston, New Brockton and Brantley all posted big region wins. Here is a quick look back....

** *Kinston struggled a little more than expected*, but held on late to escape with a 21-19 road win over winless Red Level. The Bulldogs pulled ahead early and never trailed, but simply couldn't put the pesky Tigers away and found out that all region games have to be won on the field.

** *New Brockton made it look easy* with a 47-8 romp over winless Daleville to claim its first region win of the season. The Gamecocks scored almost at will in the first half to take command and made it clear that they are indeed a team to watch in the 3A ranks.

*** *Brantley gave up its first points of the season* on a safety, but it made no difference as the top-ranked Bulldogs stormed past McKenzie 61-2. The Bulldogs have been totally dominant in their opening three games and have opened eyes all across the state.

** *Zion Chapel remained winless* on the season, but fought for all four quarters and had success running the ball in a 38-7 region loss to Elba. The Rebels rushed for almost 200 yards in the game and showed it could move the football, but simply didn't have the speed on defense to make enough stops to keep it close.

*** *It was another big week of high school action* all across the state with a number of upsets, especially in the local area. Some games worth noting included * Carroll getting its first win with a 21-14 upset of Rehobeth. The Eagles had been outscored 110-14 in its opening two losses, but bounced back in a big way and logged an important region win. * Enterprise making the most of its trip to Mobile by posting a lopsided 52-13 win over Davidson. * Dale County rallying from a 14-0 halftime deficit to claim an exciting 28-22 region win over Geneva. * Providence Christian continuing its early-season struggles with a shocking 44-14 loss to Slocomb. *Opp overcoming a slow start to claim a big 35-0 road win over Houston Academy in a game in which Hal Smithart passed for over 300 yards for the third time in four weeks. * Geneva County holding on to its spot atop the region standings with a 54-41 region win over Arton in a game in which star running back Emmanuel Henderson rushed for 367 yards and six touchdowns. * G.W. Long continuing to light up the scoreboard in a 42-21 region win over Houston County as Kobie Stringer rushed for two touchdowns and passed for three more. * Goshen continued to find life a little too tough in the 3A ranks with a 54-12 loss to Childersburg as the Eagles have now dropped two straight lopsided region losses. * Abbeville making it look easy and staying undefeated with an easy 41-0 region win over Cottonwood. * Pike County finally getting to play and making the most of the opportunity with a big 60-14 romp past a solid Dadeville squad. * Samson overcoming a couple of long lightning delays in a 12-7 region win over Pleasant Home. * Eufaula dropping its second straight decision to a 6A power with a 28-21 loss to Opelika. *Andalusia con-

tinuing to struggle in 5A circles with a 39-18 loss to Montgomery power Pike Road. * Straughn wining its fourth straight with a 19-0 region win over winless Ashford. * and, Florala remaining on a roll with a 42-14 region win over Georgiana.

*** *Ye Ole Polish Prognosticator* dropped by Saturday morning and was still shaking his head over the fact the regular season will be half over after this week's games. The local guesspert admitted he didn't think the season would even make it this far, much less create the excitement it has for the players, fans and coaches. After hitting on 22 of last week's 24 picks, he left this week's fearless forecast. Here goes....

ELBA VS. COTTONWOOD

The Pea River felines will have to hitch-hike along the four lane this week for a rare match-up against a bunch of bears that hang out below the circle city. The felines should be healed up this week and will need to be against a den of bears that have lost a lot of fur during early-season hunts.

ELBA 26 COTTONWOOD 20**KINSTON VS. GEORGIANA**

The bulldogs from down near the county line will be back on the road this week on a hunt for a litter of kitties that in years past have put some hurt on the pups. The 'dogs are bound and determined to bring home a win this week and the guess here is that just may happen.

KINSTON 27 GEORGIANA 22**NEW BROCKTON VS. WICKSBURG**

The roosters from over near the bypass will head down the four lane this weekend looking to leave their marks on a litter of kitties that have grown claws in recent weeks. This will be a four-quarter battle that won't be for the weak at heart, but in the end the roosters should be crowing.

NEW BROCKTON 24 WICKSBURG 14**ZION CHAPEL VS. HOUSTON COUNTY**

The troops from up at Fort Jack will be back at the annex this weekend looking to hang up a 'W' after opening the

In region match-up

Elba Tigers ready to hunt bears

The Elba Tigers will be on the road Friday night when they travel to Cottonwood for a region clash with the Cottonwood Bears.

Elba will bring a 3-1 record into the key region clash, while Cottonwood will enter the game with an 0-3 slate after losing its opening three games of the season to Samson 28-27, Geneva County 39-12 and Abbeville 41-0.

"Cottonwood is much better than its record might make you believe," stated Elba's Coach Marc Sieving, "and we know we will have our hands full Friday night. It has a new coach and has had to learn a new system, but it is beginning to settle in and is a good football team."

"Cottonwood likes to run the football and challenge you to stop it," added Coach Sieving. "They aren't real big up front, but are physical and aggressive, and are committed to being successful running the ball straight at you. They like to get the ball to the corners on read options and sweeps, which

is something we have not done a good job of stopping. I am sure after they watch the films they will be confident they will be able to run the ball, and that is a concern for us this week. Our defense hasn't played as well as it can this season and we still have players missing assignments and not playing fundamentally sound. We will put in some extra work on defense this week, and we will have to be improved on the defensive side to be able to stop Cottonwood."

"We still have some things to clean up on offense, too," added Sieving. "We are still having bad snaps and holding penalties behind the play that put us behind the chains and kill good plays. The line is a work in progress, also, and we will keep working to get better and be sound on both sides of the ball. I know this is week five for us, but we are still more concerned about us than we are our opponents. If we play like we are supposed to everything will take care of itself, and

current campaign with three tough losses. A litter of hungry kitties have been hanging out down by the hole; however, and may not be in the mood to head back home without a meal. In a battle....

HOUSTON COUNTY 32 ZION CHAPEL 31**BRANTLEY VS. PLEASANT HOME**

The bulldogs from up above the creek will be back at the pound looking to continue on a roll that has moved them atop the polls. This week they are expecting a flock of birds to fill the trees down along main street, but the guess here is they won't roost for long.

BRANTLEY 55 PLEASANT HOME 0**OTHER PICKS:**

Andalusia 31 Charles Henderson 7
Florala 58 Red Level 0
McKenzie 22 Samson 20
Geneva County 34 Abbeville 28
G.W. Long 35 Arton 21
Highland Home 29 Luverne 27
Flomaton 40 Chickasaw 6
Hillcrest 20 Excel 8
Opp 54 Daleville 7
Slocumb 27 Houston Academy 17
Reeltown 42 Goshen 7
Catholic 45 Beulah 14
Pike County 27 Trinity 24
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that is our goal. I know we aren't there yet, but we are working hard and believe the players are determined to get better every time they take the field."

"Last week's game was a big win because it was a region game against a county rival and we got the chance to play a lot of younger folks in the second half," said Sieving. "The offense did its job of putting points on the scoreboard and giving us a big lead early, and despite a few mistakes, did a good job and did what we

asked it to do. The defense didn't play as well as we had hoped and allowed far too many yards on the ground. We made some changes that we felt would lead to a better performance, but it wasn't what we had hoped for. Zion Chapel deserves credit for playing hard and was a well-coached team, and they never backed down despite the score. It was a big region win that we had to have, and we are proud of the win."

Region wars continue for area teams in week #5 grid action

The high school football regular season will reach the midway point for many teams across the state this week, and locally the fifth week of the season will bring with it another week of region wars.

Following is a preview of this week's area contests:

New Brockton at Wicksburg

The (1-1) New Brockton Gamecocks will be looking to remain near the top in the region standings Friday night when they travel to Wicksburg to tangle with the (3-1) Wicksburg Panthers.

Wicksburg leads the all-time series 12-11 and won the last meeting 42-7 back in 2007.

The Gamecocks were quarantined early in the season, but have played the last two weeks and lost to Opp 43-16 and defeated region foe Daleville 47-8. The Panthers have posted wins over Headland 14-0, Providence Christian 28-14 and Northside Methodist 1-0 (forfeit), while losing to Geneva County 19-15.

Houston County at Zion Chapel

The (0-3) Zion Chapel Rebels will be hunting win #1 Friday night when they host the (0-4) Houston County Lions, at Bates Memorial Stadium, in Enterprise.

Houston County owns a perfect 6-0 record in the all-time series and won the last meeting 44-0 back in 2017.

The Rebels have opened the season with losses to Kinston 40-26, Abbeville 38-0 and Elba 38-7, while the Lions have lost four straight games this season to Northside Methodist 42-21, Florala 56-14, Arton 35-20 and G.W. Long 42-21.

Kinston at Georgiana

The (2-2) Kinston Bulldogs will be looking to push their region record above the .500 mark on Friday night when they head over to Georgiana to battle the (1-2) Georgiana Panthers.

Georgiana leads the all-time series 6-5 and has won the last six meetings in the series, including a wild 56-42 win last season.

The Bulldogs have posted wins over Zion Chapel 40-26 and Red Level 21-19, while losing to Houston Academy 16-0 and Brantley 55-0, while the Panthers own a 42-13 win over Pleasant Home and have lost to Lanett 47-0 and Florala 42-14.

Pleasant Home at Brantley

The (3-0) top-ranked Brantley Bulldogs will be looking to remain on an early-season roll Friday night when they host the (0-3) Pleasant Home Eagles, in a key region match-up.

Brantley leads the all-time series 19-1 and have won the last 18 meetings, including a 35-0 win a year ago.

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New Brockton Gamecocks Jack Royce (31) and Julian Noble (20) combine to stop a Daleville runner for a short gain in last week's 47-8 region win over the Warhawks.



New Brockton Gamecock Jordan Tacey (1) heads upfield in last week's big 47-8 region win over Daleville. Tacey rushed for 77 yards and 2 touchdowns in the win.

VOLLEYBALL ROUNDUP

Lady Rebels swept by G.W. Long

The Zion Chapel Lady Rebels dropped a 25-15, 25-8, 25-12 match to G.W. Long, in region action. Morgan Ferguson led Long with 5 aces, 4 kills and 2 digs, while Makenna Long added 4 aces and 34 assists. G.W. Long won the JV contest 25-6, 25-16.

Lady Tigers fall to New Brockton

The Elba Lady Tigers dropped a four-set decision to the New Brockton Lady Gamecocks 11-25, 25-22, 13-25, 24-26. Danaejah Flowers had 2 aces, 3 kills and 6 blocks to lead the Lady Tigers, while Jasmine Magwood added 1 ace and 2 kills, Nevaeh Sanders added 3 aces, and Mikenzy Hooks and Andrya Chism both had 1 block. Anna Clark had 6 aces and 12 kills to lead the Lady Gamecocks, while Justie Ellis added 15 assists and Shelby Hobbs added 41 digs.

Kinston sweeps past Florala

The Kinston Lady Bulldogs posted an impressive 25-12, 25-14, 25-6 sweep past Florala on Tuesday, Sept. 8th. Faith Peters had 10 kills and Blair Wyrosdick added 3 aces to lead the Lady Bulldogs. Kinston won the JV match 25-19, 25-9 as Rachel Hall had 4 kills and Aubrie Brown added 10 assists and 1 ace. Danielle Cain also had eight sets.

Lady Tigers downed by Ariton

The Elba Lady Tigers fell to the Ariton Lady Cats 8-25, 11-25, 10-25. Danaejah Flowers had 1 kill and 3 blocks to lead the Lady Tigers, while Andrya Chism added 1 kill and 2 blocks; Jasmine Magwood added 3 digs; Mikenzy Hooks added 2 blocks; Victori Edwards added 2 digs; Callie Pope, Hailee Layton, and Sha'Vaughanie Smith all added 1 dig; and, Emily Richardson added 1 block. The Elba JV lost its first match of the season to Ariton 12-25, 20-25.

New Brockton pops Pike County

The New Brockton Lady Gamecocks fought past Pike County 25-11, 16-25, 25-12, 17-25, 15-10. Shelby Hobbs had 32 digs to lead the Lady Gamecocks, while Justie Ellis added 16 assists and 22 aces; Anna Clark added 11 kills; and, Kiersten Sunday added 25 aces. The New Brockton JV posted a big 25-5, 25-4 win over Pike County.

Kinston falls to Andalusia

The Kinston Lady Bulldogs lost in four sets [25-19, 17-25, 20-25 and 17-25] Thursday, Sept. 10, the Andalusia Lady Bulldogs. Faith Peters had 21 kills and two blocks while Macie Smith had 11 serves to lead Kinston's varsity squad. The Kinston Junior High fell 13-25 and 17-25 to Andalusia. Brynne Kelly had 14 passes for Kinston while Chloe Phillips, Lilli Sumblin, and Bella Lashley each posted four serves. Kinston JV squad also fell in two sets to Andalusia - 17-25, 24-26. Rachel Hall had five kills, Danielle Cain had 15 passes, and McKinley Gibson had 10 serves to lead the Kinston JV Bulldogs.

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Gamecocks claw Daleville 47-8

Statistics by Brandon 'Speedy' White
Photos by Greg Brunson

The New Brockton Gamecocks spotted Daleville an early lead and then came storming back to cage the Warhawks 47-8, to earn their first region win of the season, Friday night at Bates Memorial Stadium, in Enterprise.

New Brockton got an early turnover on a fumble recovery by Tra Boland at the Gamecock 17-yardline to turn back a Daleville scoring threat, and from there needed only two plays to cover the 83 yards to the endzone.

The Gamecock score came on an 80-yard pass from Kaden Cupp to Colton Marsh, and Jacob Bustamante kicked the extra point to put New Brockton on top 7-0 with 7:32 remaining in the first quarter.

Daleville had a quick answer for the Gamecock score, as Cedreon Wiley broke loose and raced 75 yards to put the Warhawks on the scoreboard. Sincere McKenzie ran in the two-point conversion and with 6:30 left in the quarter Daleville had sneaked ahead 8-7.

New Brockton turned the ball over on a pass interception on its ensuing possession, but regained possession at the Daleville 15-yardline after a short punt, and covered the distance in two plays to go back on top. Jordan Tacey capped the short scoring drive with an 8-yard scoring dash, and Bustamante added the extra point to put the Gamecocks back on top 14-8 with 1:41 still remaining in the opening quarter.

The Gamecocks next offensive series started at the New Brockton 28-yardline after a Warhawks punt, and this time the Gamecocks needed only four plays to cover the 72 yards to the endzone. The score came on a 50-yard touchdown toss from Kaden Cupp to Julian Noble, and Bustamante again added the extra point to extend the New Brockton lead to 21-8 with 10:02 left in the second quarter.

New Brockton regained possession at its own 26-yardline following another Daleville punt, and went 74 yards in two plays to get



Old Glory was waving in the breeze Friday night as the New Brockton Gamecocks took the field for a region clash against Daleville. The Gamecocks will travel to Wicksburg this week in a key region match-up.

right back into the endzone. A 68-yard pass from Kaden Cupp to Darian Holt was a key play in the quick scoring drive, while the touchdown came on a 6-yard run by Jordan Tacey. Bustamante's extra point try was successful, and with 7:12 remaining in the quarter the Gamecocks owned a 28-8 lead.

The Gamecocks offense returned to the field at their own 24-yardline after a Warhawks punt, and promptly marched 76 yards in nine plays to add to their lead. Kaden Cupp rushed for 42 yards on five carries to lead the Gamecocks down the field, and it was Cupp that capped the long scoring march with a 1-yard sneak. Bustamante's extra point was true, as New Brockton upped its lead to 35-8 with 46-seconds remaining in the half.

Punts and turnovers were the story of the third quarter. However, New Brockton put the ball in play at its own 25-yardline after a fumble recovery by Colton Marsh, and went 75 yards in nine plays to get back into the endzone. Kaden Cupp capped the long scoring drive with a 1-yard scoring run, and while the extra point try failed, the Gamecocks lead was up to 41-8 with 10:30 remaining in the fourth quarter.

New Brockton's Tra Boland recovered a Warhawks



New Brockton Gamecock cheerleaders are ready to get the game started last week on a damp night at Bates Memorial Stadium.

fumble on the ensuing kickoff to put the Gamecocks back in business at the Daleville 28-yardline, and it took the Gamecocks five plays to cover the distance to the endzone, with Jamarus Brown scoring the final points of the night on a 5-yard dash. The extra point try was blocked, but with 7:05 left on the clock New Brockton had wrapped up the big 47-8 region win.

Kaden Cupp rushed for 128 yards and 2 touchdowns on 15 carries and completed 5 of 14 passes for 217 yards and 2 touchdowns to spark the New Brockton offensive explosion, while Jordan Tacey added 77 yards and 2 touchdowns on 14 carries. Colton Marsh led the Gamecocks receivers with one catch for an 80-yard touchdown, while Julian Noble pulled in one pass for a 50-yard score and Damarian Holt had a 68-yard reception.

The Gamecock defense was led by Tra Boland with 5 tackles and 2 fumble recoveries, while Michael Siniard added 5 stops with one tackle for a loss, and Julian Noble also added 5 stops, with one tackle for a loss, one forced fumble and one fumble recovery.

VOLLEYBALL SCHEDULE

Thursday, Sept. 17
Elba at Luverne
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Ariton at Zion Chapel

Monday, Sept. 21
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Tuesday, Sept. 22
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Andalusia at Kinston
Zion Chapel at G.W. Long
Brantley at Pleasant Home

Thursday, Sept. 24
Zion Chapel at Elba

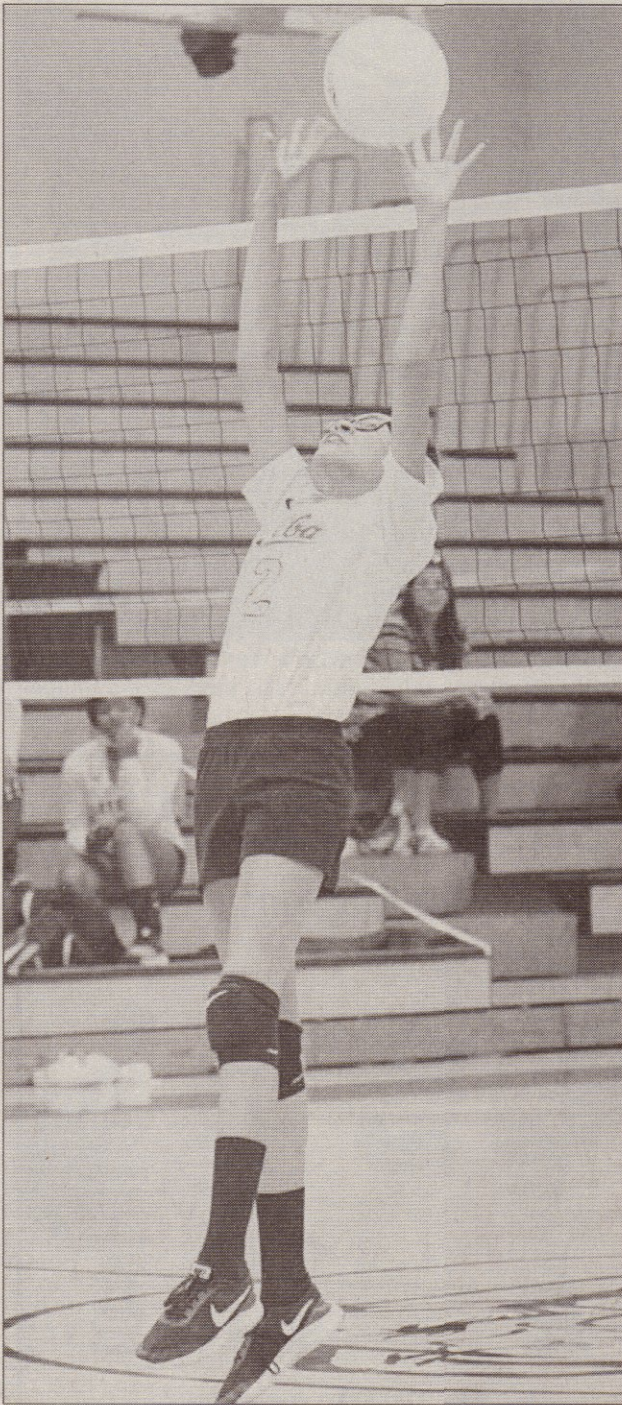
Kinston Lady Bulldogs remain ranked 8th in state in Class 1A

The Alabama Sports Writers Association has released its weekly high school volleyball standings with the Kinston Lady Bulldogs continuing their stay in the 'Top 10' in Class 1A as the state's eighth-ranked squad.

Following is a list of the state's top teams in each classification: (7A) 1- Hoover, 2- McGill-Toolen, 3- Spain Park; (6A) 1- Hazel Green, 2- Mt. Brooks,

3- Spanish Fort; (5A) 1- Bayside Academy, 2- Providence Christian, 3- Alexandria; (4A) 1- Montgomery Academy, 2- Deshler, 3- Curry; (3A) 1- St. Luke's, 2- Danville, 3- Geraldine; (2A) 1- Addison, 2- G.W. Long, 3- Hatton; (1A) 1- Donoho, 2- Lindsey Lane, 3- Pleasant Home, 8- Kinston.

The 8th ranked Kinston Bulldogs are 4-2 on the season. The Kinston JV squad also has a 4-2 record.



Elba Lady Tiger returns a volley in recent volleyball action.

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SPORTS NEWS

Kinston Bulldogs escape Red Level with exciting 21-19 region victory

Statistics by Dickey Adcock

The Kinston Bulldogs picked up a much needed region win Friday night with a hard fought 21-19 road win over the Red Level Tigers.

The game stated off with a bang for the hometown Tigers as Red Level's Mitchell Baker fielded the kick at the 30-yardline, dodged a couple of Bulldog defenders and raced down the sidelines 70 yards for a Tiger touchdown. Brody Ingram kicked the extra-point, and with only 14-seconds gone off the clock Red Level was already on top 7-0.

Kinston began its first possession of the night at its own 34-yardline and went right to work as the Bulldogs drove 66 yards in seven running plays to answer the early Tiger score. Addison Hudson rushed for 36 yards on four carries to lead the Bulldogs down the field, while Hunter Hughes scored the touchdown on a 21-yard scamper. John Free added the extra-point as Kinston pulled even at 7-7 with 7:35 remaining in the first quarter.

Kinston's David Free recovered a Red Level fumble at the Tigers 15-yardline late in the quarter, and the

Bulldogs quickly cashed in the turnover when Jeb Crosby kept an option and raced 13 yards for a touchdown. Free's extra-point was true, as Kinston went on top 14-7 with 1:42 remaining in the quarter.

Red Level began its ensuing possession at its own 39-yardline and behind the running of Tucker Livings and Kentravious Likely marched to a first down at the Kinston 12-yardline. The Bulldog defense stiffened with its back against the wall; however, and turned back the scoring threat to maintain the 14-7 lead.

The Tigers got the ball right back on a fumble at the Kinston 26-yardline, but the Bulldog defense was again up to the challenge and again turned back the Tigers empty-haanded to preserve the slim lead late in the quarter.

Another Bulldog bobble handed the ball back to Red Level at the Kinston 28-yardline with one minute remaining on the clock. However, once again the Bulldogs turned back the threat, this time on a pass interception by Dylan Davis.

Kinston received the second half kickoff and marched 71 yards in 11 running plays to extend its lead. Konner Walker gained 37 yards on two carries to help lead the Bulldogs down the field, while Jeb Crosby scored his second touchdown of the game on a 3-yard run. John Free's extra-point was again down the middle, and with 6:32 left in the third quarter the

Bulldogs were on top 21-7.

Red Level took the ensuing kickoff and got right back in the game as the Tigers marched 56 yards in ten plays to reach the end-zone. The Tiger touchdown came on a 23-yard pass from Tucker Livings to Mitchell Baker, and although the extra-point try failed, Red Level was within 21-13 with 46-seconds left in the third quarter.

Red Level's next offensive series began at its own 44-yardline after a Kinston punt, and once again the Tigers set sails down the field toward the Bulldog endzone. An off sides penalty on fourth down and two kept the drive alive early, while Brody Ingram capped the drive with a 5-yard scoring dash. A two-point pass its target, but with 5:57 left on the clock Kinston's lead had been chopped down to 21-19.

Red Level got the ball back at its own 44-yardline with 2:00 remaining after a failed fourth down gamble by Kinston, and the Tigers quickly moved to a first down at the Bulldog 46-yardline. A penalty against the Tigers pushed them back across the midfield stripe; however, and the Bulldogs sealed the win with 25-seconds left when Dylan Davis picked off a Tiger pass.

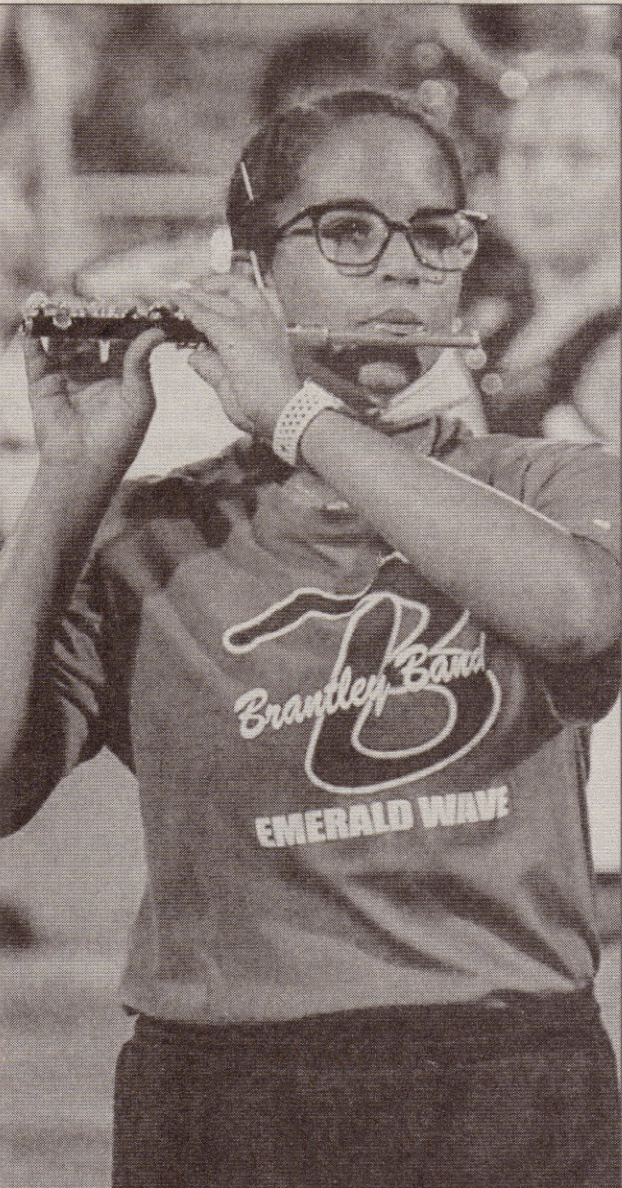
Addison Hudson rushed for 109 yards on 20 carries to anchor the Kinston ground game, while Jeb Crosby added 48 yards and 2 touchdowns on 11 carries, and Konner Walker rushed for 44 yards.



Kinston Bulldog Hunter Hughes (14) fights for yardage. Hughes scored the Bulldogs first touchdown on a 21-yard scamper in last week's big 21-19 region win over Red Level. (Elba Clipper photo)



Kinston Bulldog cheerleader keeps the crowd fired up in an exciting Bulldog victory. (Elba Clipper photo)



Brantley High School 'Emerald Wave' Marching Band member performs at half time at last week's 61-2 Bulldog win over McKenzie.

Brantley Bulldogs maul McKenzie Tigers 61-2

From Combined reports
Photos by Cody Nichols

The Brantley Bulldogs continued to dominate any and all challengers with a convincing 61-2 region rout over the McKenzie Tigers last Friday, Sept. 11th.

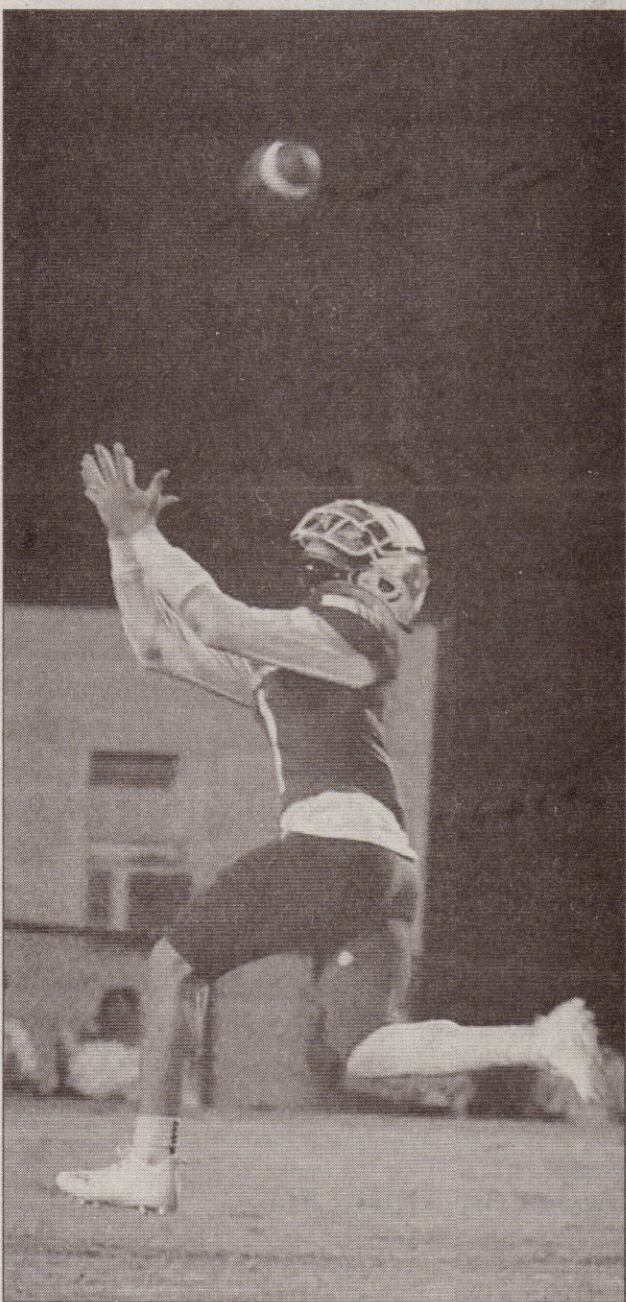
The Bulldogs rolled up 272 yards on the ground and 190 in the air for a total offense of 462 yards, while the Tigers managed only 40 yards of total offense against the stingy Brantley defense.

Tucker Kilcrease completed 11 of 13 passed for 190 yards and 4 touchdowns and scored on a 48-yard run

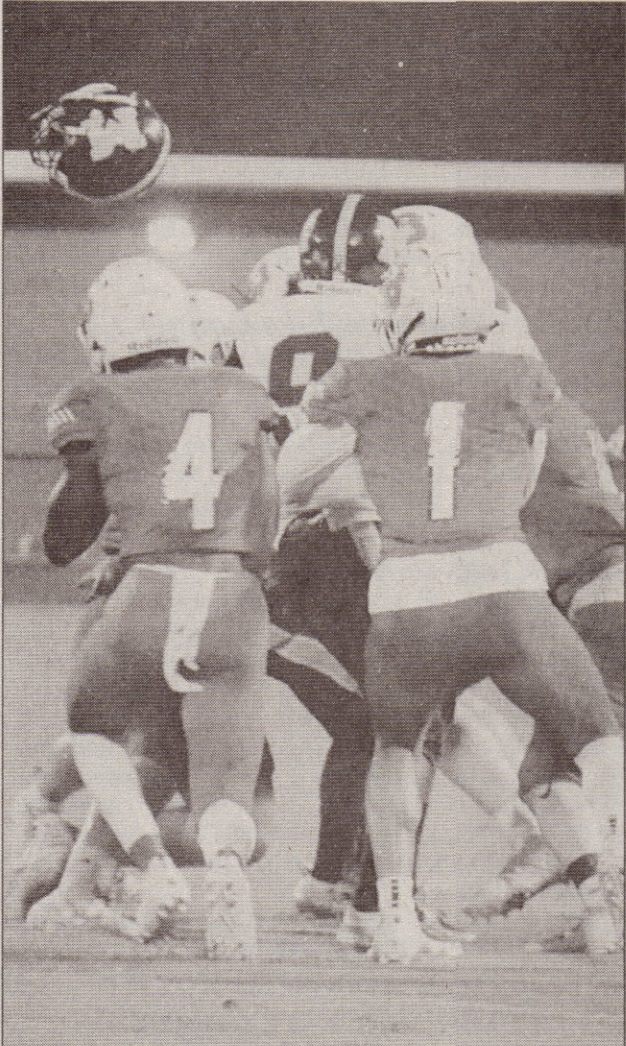
to lead the Bulldogs, with Kenuwyn Dixon pulling in 3 passes for 47 yards and touchdowns of 21 and 17 yards, and rushing for 50 yards and 2 td's on three carries. Trey Pittman rushed for 111 yards and 2 td's on eight carries, Westley Person added two td catches of 49 and 16 yards, and Trey Pittman added a 40-yard scoring run.

Kedrick Brown had 8 tackles to pace the Bulldog defense and William Cook added a sack.

Brantley will be at home this week to meet Pleasant Home in region action.



Brantley Bulldog Kenuwyn Dixon (1) keeps his eyes on the football as he prepares to oull in a touchdown pass in last week's 61-2 region win over McKenzie.



A McKenzie helmet goes flying after a big hit by the Brantley Bulldog defense. The Bulldogs went to 2-0 in region play with a 61-2 romp past the McKenzie Tigers.

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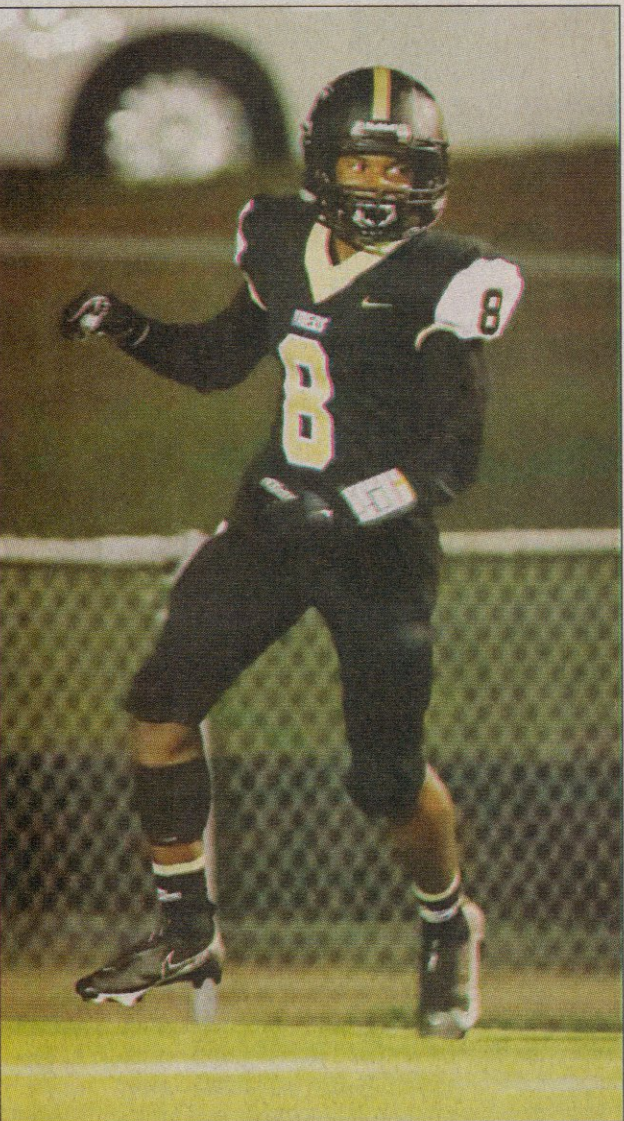
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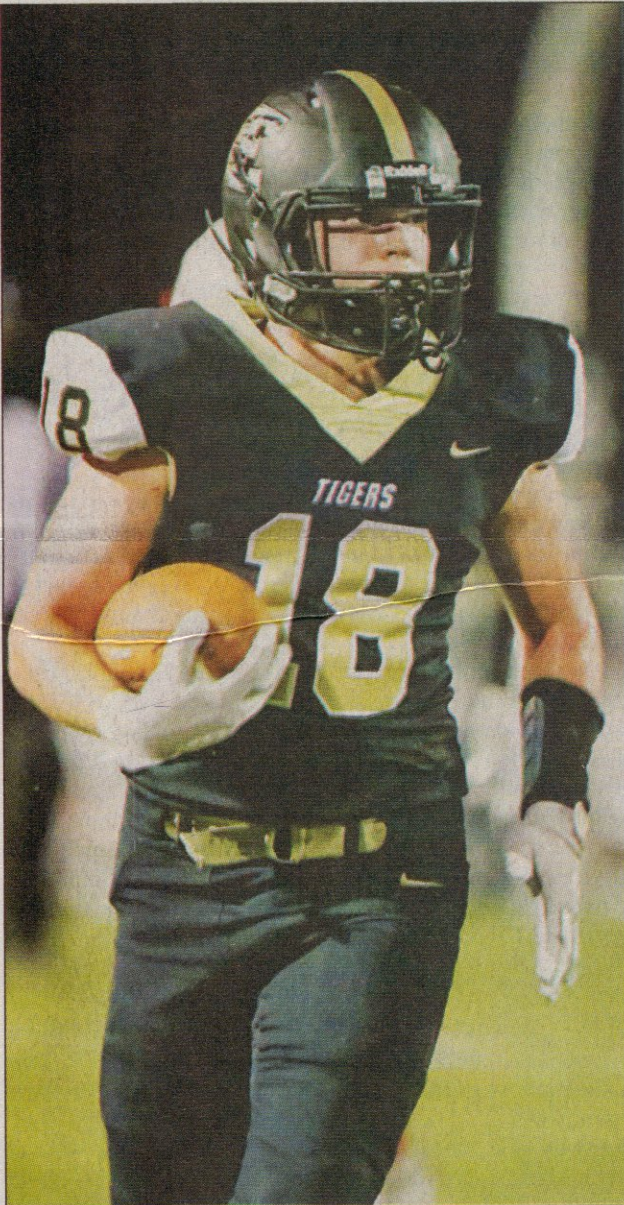
SPORTS NEWS

Elba Tigers run past ZC Rebels 38-7

By Ricky Mularz, Sports Editor; Photos by BCSports Photography



Elba Tiger Trent Hamilton (8) gets ready to celebrate after pulling in a 60-yard touchdown pass in last week's 38-7 win over Zion Chapel.



Elba Tiger Paxton Wise (18) heads back upfield after an interception in last week's 38-7 region win over Zion Chapel.



Elba Marching Tiger member gets loud as the Marching Tigers put on another fantastic halftime performance Friday night.

The Elba Tigers dialed up five long distance touchdowns in the first half to build a 38-0 halftime lead and then watched from the sidelines in a shortened second half as the reserves sealed the deal on a big 38-7 region win over the Zion Chapel Rebels.

Elba's Iverson Lane returned the opening kickoff 45 yards to the midfield stripe to set the Tigers up at the 50-yardline, and on the first play from scrimmage, Jacquez Prince burst through a hole in the middle of the Rebel defense and raced untouched 50 yards for a touchdown. Collin Harrison ran in the two-point conversion, and with 11:41 remaining in the first quarter the Tigers were already on top 8-0.

Elba began its second offensive series at its own 19-yardline following a Zion Chapel punt and this time took two plays to reach the endzone. The Tiger score came on a 61-yard dash by Iverson Lane, and Prince passed to Peyton McCart for the two-point conversion as the Tigers lead grew to 16-0 with 6:30 left in the quarter.

Zion Chapel recovered an Elba fumble at the 37-yardline after a short punt hit an Elba player, and the Rebels quickly reached the Tigers 26-yardline on a 17-yard screen pass from Mason Stuart to Brockston Bragg. A third down pass attempt was picked off by the Tigers Paxton Wise to stop the Rebel scoring threat; however, and Wise returned the interception 28 yards to put Elba back in business near mid-field.

Elba again scored quickly as on first down Collin Harrison took the snap, reached the sidelines, and took off on a 52-yard touchdown scoring run. Harrison also ran in the two-point conversion as the Tigers lead went to 24-0 with 39-seconds remaining in the opening quarter.

The Rebels began another march down the field on their ensuing possession, and behind the running and passing of Mason Stuart reached a first down at the Elba 35-yardline. A penalty slowed the march; however, and the scoring threat ended at the 30-yardline when a fourth down pass missed its target.

Elba went to the air on its ensuing possession and this time needed four plays to get back into the endzone. The Tiger touchdown came on a 60-yard first down pass from Jacquez Prince to Trent Hamilton, and while a two-point try failed to add points, the Tigers owned a 30-0 lead with 5:04 left in the second quarter.

Elba began its next offensive series at its own 38-yardline after a 4-yard Rebel punt, and two plays later the Tigers were right back in the endzone, this time on a 69-yard dash by Collin Harrison. Jacquez Prince ran in the two-point conversion, and with 2:08 left in the half the Tigers lead was up to 38-0.

Zion Chapel received the second half kickoff and promptly marched 67 yards in six running plays to get on the scoreboard. Brockston Bragg rushed for 59 yards on four carries and scored the Rebel touchdown on a 1-yard blast up the middle, and Adam Staver booted the extra point as Zion Chapel pulled within 38-7 with 3:23 remaining in the quarter.

Elba's JT Coleman rushed for 44 yards on three carries and Byron Burks added a 25-yard scamper on the Tigers ensuing possession as they overcame two fumbles that resulted in a loss of 27 yards to reach a first down at the Zion Chapel 27-yardline. The third fumble of the possession was recovered by the Rebels; however, as the Tigers failed to take advantage of the excellent field position and handed the ball back over to the Rebels.

Zion Chapel's Zay Adair had a 21-yard dash and Bragg added two runs for a total of 11 yards on the Rebels ensuing possession, but the Rebels gave the ball back on a fumble at the Elba 34-yardline, and at the final horn the Tigers left the field with the 38-7 region win.

Collin Harrison rushed for 121 yards and 2 touchdowns on two carries to lead the Elba offense, while Jacquez Prince added 62 yards and 1 td on three carries and completed both his passes for 68 yards and one td, Iverson Lane added 61 yards and one td on one carry, Trent Hamilton pulled in a 60-yard scoring pass, and JT Coleman added 44 yards on three carries.

The Tiger defense was led by Adin Rayborn with 6 tackles, while Crashade Griffin and Collin Sauls both added 4 stops, and Paxton Wise added 3 stops and had a pass interception.

Brockston Bragg rushed for 147 yards and one score on 17 carries and pulled in one pass for 17 yards to spark the Rebel offense, while Zay Adair added 36 yards rushing on five carries.



Elba Tiger Collin Harrison (1) is off and running. Harrison carried the ball twice last week for a total of 121 yards and 2 touchdowns in the Tigers big 38-7 region win over Zion Chapel.



Elba Tiger Crashade Griffin (77) proudly carries the 'Turnover Belt' on the sidelines after a fumble recovery in last week's 38-7 win over Zion Chapel.

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LIFESTYLES



ELBA'S PLAYERS OF WEEK HONORED AT QB CLUB MEETING...On Friday, Sept. 11, Elba football coach Marc Sieving (center) recognized two players with "Player of the Week" honors from the Tigers' Sept. 4th region loss to G.W. Long. The coach recognized running back Collin Harrison (right) for his offensive play in the G.W. Long game. Coach Sieving said Harrison had 143 yards and two touchdowns for the Tigers. He also noted that Harrison had increased his presence on defense for the Tigers as well. Defensively, Sieving said the overall leader last week for the Tigers was Collin Sauls (left). He said Sauls had five assists, two tackles and was credited with causing two fumbles against G.W. Long.

Jack Day Festival set for Saturday, Sept. 26, to include art & crafts booths and car show

The annual Jack Day Festival, sponsored by Altrusa International of Jack, Alabama, will be Saturday, Sept. 26, from 8 a.m. until 2 p.m. on the campus of Zion Chapel Schools.

The year's festival will consist of a car show and LOCAL craft vendors

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General booth rental fee for vendors will be \$25. For more information, contact Kayla Deal at (334) 282-2516 (kayladeal82@gmail.com).

The 3rd annual Jack Day Car Show is held in conjunction with the Jack Day Festival and is sponsored by Altrusa of Jack and Enterprise Muffler and Brake. There is a \$20 car entry fee to show a vehicle.

There will be prizes for Top 25 and Best in Show. A t-shirt will be given to the first 25 to register for the car show.

For more information on the car show, contact Jerry Senn at (334) 464-0030 or Jennifer Gatlin at (334) 372-5817.

All proceeds from the Jack Day Community Festival will be used to benefit Zion Chapel Schools and the Jack community.

Lifestyles News is Due on Mondays!

Elba Library and Elba Senior Center staffs assist with filling out the 2020 Census

The Elba Public Library is open by appointment only. Items being returned should still be placed in drop box located out in front of the library building.

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The Library also assists citizens Tuesdays and Thursdays from 10 a.m. until 2 p.m. with filling out Census reports. It is encouraged that anyone needing assistance in filling out their Census report to visit the library for help.

Also, Elba Senior Center director Donna Falls can assist in completing the Census report. Anyone wanting to seek assistance from Falls can contact her at (334) 897-3019 and set up an appointment. There is no charge to receive this help!

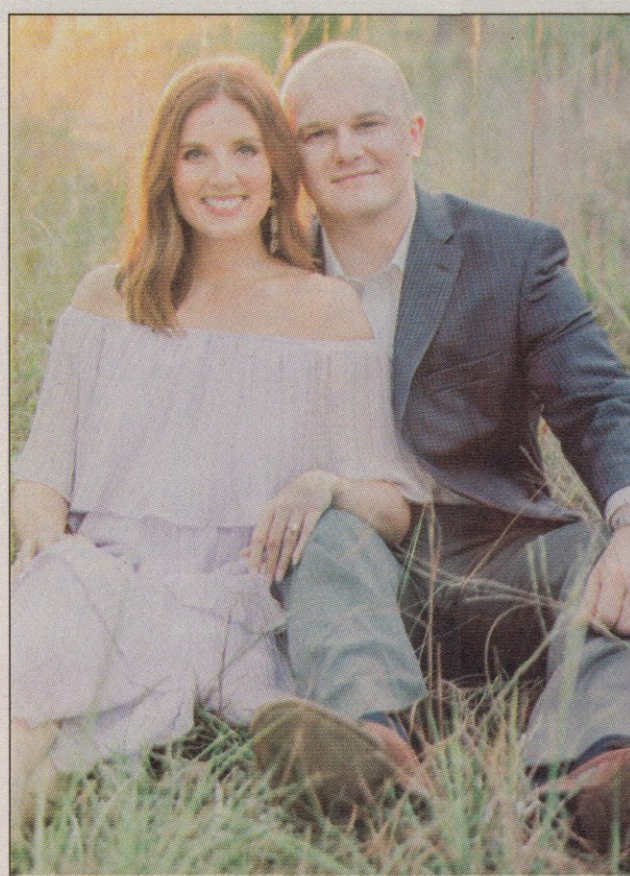
Elba City Council to hold workshop

The Elba City Council will hold a workshop Monday, Sept. 21, at 5:30 p.m. at Elba City Hall, located at 200 Buford Street, Elba.

Last day to apply for absentee ballots for Elba's Mayoral Runoff Election is Oct. 1st

Elba Mayor Mickey Murdock recently announced there would be a Mayoral Run-off Election on Tuesday, Oct. 6, between Tim Johnson and Tom Maddox.

The Run-Off Election will be held at the Elba Church of Christ Fellowship Hall. Polls will be open from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. Any registered voter in



Miss Sara Lindsey Brown and Mr. Hayes Ballard Spicer set to exchange vows in October

Dr. and Mrs. Keith Brown of Orange Beach, Alabama announce the engagement and forthcoming marriage of their daughter, Sara Lindsey, to Hayes Ballard Spicer.

Lindsey is the granddaughter of Mr. and Mrs. Billy Gibbs and Mr. Arlon Brown and the late Sylvia Brown, all of Elba.

Hayes is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Terry Spicer, grandson of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Phillip Hayes and Mr. And Mrs. Harold Spicer, all of Elba.

Lindsey is a graduate of Gulf Shores High School, South Alabama University with a degree in Biological Science and recently graduated Summa Cum Laude in May from Auburn University's College of Veterinary Medicine. She is currently employed as a veterinarian in Mobile, Alabama.

Hayes is a graduate of Elba High School and Troy University with a degree in Risk Management Insurance and is currently employed with Blue Cross Blue Shield of Alabama.

The wedding is planned in October in Mobile and the couple will call Mobile, Alabama home.



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ELECT TOM MADDOX MAYOR

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ALEA Troopers see dramatic decrease in traffic fatalities over the Labor Day weekend

Troopers within the Alabama Law Enforcement Agency's (ALEA) Highway Patrol Division saw a significant reduction in the overall traffic fatalities during the Labor Day weekend.

The Highway Patrol Division investigated only three traffic-related fatalities as compared to 10 in 2019, which is a decrease of more than 60 percent. ALEA's Marine Patrol Division experienced zero boating deaths on Alabama's waterways, however, they did investigate one non-boating death (drowning).

Troopers issued seven BUIs during the same four-day holiday period through 12:01 a.m. Sept. 7.

Elba Mayoral Forum #2 set for Thursday evening, Sept. 24th

The Elba Clipper and Elba Chamber of Commerce again will come together to host a Mayoral Forum between Elba Mayor candidates Tom Maddox and Tim Johnson. This forum is planned for Thursday, Sept. 24, at 6:30 p.m. and will be held from the parking lot of Elba City Hall. It also will be carried live on Facebook on The Elba Clipper page and the Elba, Alabama Chamber of Commerce page.

The Elba Municipal Run-off Election between Maddox and Johnson will be held Tuesday, Oct. 6th. Polls will be open that day from 7 a.m. until 7 p.m. at the fellowship hall of Elba Church of Christ.